



# ELA Virtual Learning

# **7th Grade ELA**

**May 14, 2020**



7th ELA

Lesson: May 14, 2020

## **Objective/Learning Target:**

**I can:** Conduct research and gather relevant sources, print and digital; integrate information using a standard citation system.

**Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.**



## **7th Grade ELA**

### **Essential Question:**

**How can I restate what I've read so I know that I understand?**

# Warm Up:

Take out a piece of paper. Write the answer to this question:

1. What did you dream about last night? Write at least 4-5 sentences about your dream. You may write more if you choose.
2. Now, ask someone in your house what they dreamed last night. Ask that person to give you as many details as possible. Then come back and follow the next step.
3. Write at least 4-5 sentences explaining that dream.

You just used your own words to tell about something you learned from someone else! This is called **PARAPHRASING**.

# Learn:

## PARAPHRASING

So, what is **paraphrasing**? Well, **paraphrasing** is taking information you learned and putting it into your own words. You do this whenever you are telling a story you heard, telling about what happened at school or relaying information you learned from someone else. In other words, you are already an expert at **paraphrasing**!

But, what is the point in learning to **paraphrase** what we read and/or learned? There are TWO major reasons for this:

1. To better comprehend and retain what you've read/learned
2. To avoid plagiarism when writing research papers

# Learn con't:

When you wrote about the dream from your warm-up, you were **paraphrasing**. You probably wrote the main parts of the dream. That's what you do when you **paraphrase**. You write, *in your own words*, what you read or learned about.

That's all **paraphrasing** is! Writing what you learned in your own words!! Simple, huh?

Here are some tips to help you paraphrase:

- Put the text in your own words
- Avoid copying the text (put the text away)
- Rearrange the words and wording
- Ask yourself if you included all the important information

Here is an anchor chart to help you remember:

# Learn

## PARAphrase It!

**P**ut the text in your own words.

**A**void copying the text.

**R**earrange similar text.

**A**sk yourself if you included all the important points.



# Practice:

Now that you're even better at **paraphrasing**, let's practice together:

Read the following passage about Pandas:

High in dense bamboo forests in the misty, rainy mountains of southwestern China lives one of the world's rarest mammals: the giant panda, also called the panda. Only about 1,500 of these black-and-white relatives of bears survive in the wild.



Source: National Geographic Kids



# Practice con't

What are the important points of the passage? Let's take a look.

High in dense bamboo forests in the misty, rainy mountains of southwestern China lives one of the world's rarest mammals: the giant panda, also called the panda. Only about 1,500 of these black-and-white relatives of bears survive in the wild.

What is the important information?

- Pandas live in the rainy mountains in southwest China
- Only about 1500 survive in the wild



# Practice con't

Now write that information in your own words:

*Pandas live in the rainy mountains in the southwestern part of China. Only 1500 pandas live in the wild.*

This one was short. Let's try one with a little bit more information.



# Practice con't

Pandas eat almost nothing but bamboo shoots and leaves. Occasionally they eat other vegetation, fish, or small animals, but bamboo accounts for 99 percent of their diets. Pandas eat fast, they eat a lot, and they spend about 12 hours a day doing it. The reason: They digest only about a fifth of what they eat. Overall, bamboo is not very nutritious. To stay healthy, they have to eat a lot—up to 15 percent of their body weight in 12 hours—so they eat fast.

What is the important information in this passage?



Source: National Geographic Kids

# Practice Slide 2:

Pandas eat almost nothing but bamboo shoots and leaves. Occasionally they eat other vegetation, fish, or small animals, but bamboo accounts for 99 percent of their diets. Pandas eat fast, they eat a lot, and they spend about 12 hours a day doing it. The reason: They digest only about a fifth of what they eat. Overall, bamboo is not very nutritious. To stay healthy, they have to eat a lot—up to 15 percent of their body weight in 12 hours—so they eat fast.



# Practice (Slide 3):

What is the important information?

- Bamboo is 99% of the panda's diet
- They digest only 1/5 of what they eat
- Since bamboo is not very nutritious pandas need to eat a lot and fast - for 12 hours a day
- They need to eat 15% of their body weight

Now we can put that information into our own words:

## Practice con't

*Pandas eat 12 hours a day on mostly bamboo. They eat so much because bamboo is not very nutritious and they only digest 1/5 of what they eat. These two factors make it necessary for pandas to eat 15% of their body weight everyday.*

Good job!! You just **paraphrased** what you read!

Try the next one on your own as you continue to learn about pandas.

Remember to READ the passage, determine the IMPORTANT information then WRITE the information IN YOUR OWN WORDS. In other words, **paraphrase**.

# Practice con't

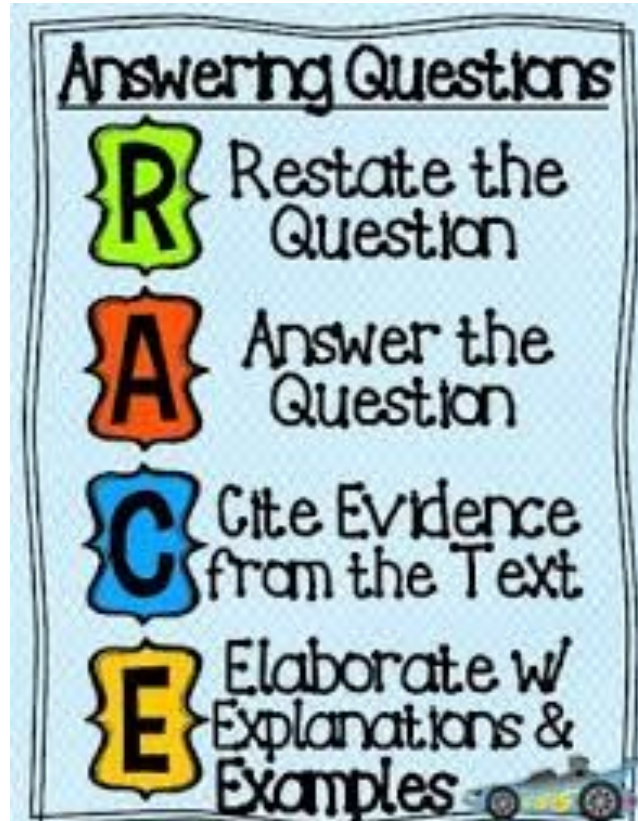
Pandas' molars are very broad and flat. The shape of the teeth helps the animals crush the bamboo shoots, leaves, and stems that they eat. They can chomp on bamboo up to one-and-a-half inches thick. To get the bamboo to their mouths, they hold the stems with their front paws, which have enlarged wrist bones that act as thumbs for gripping. A panda should have at least two bamboo species where it lives, or it will starve. A scarcity in bamboo threatens the already limited panda population.

An adult female panda weighs 200 pounds. Pandas can climb as high as 13,000 feet and are also very good swimmers. Sometimes male pandas relax by doing handstands against trees.

Source: National Geographic Kids

# Learn (continued):

- Use the RACE strategy to write your answer to questions asking you to make an inference:





# Practice Answer Key

*(Answers will Vary)*

- Check your answers to make sure it meets the following criteria:
  - Did you write in complete sentences?
  - Did you use standard conventions (spelling, punctuation, grammar)?
  - Did you answer the question?
  - Did you support and explain your answer using details from the article

## Sample Proficient Answer:

The shape of pandas molars makes it possible for them to chew bamboo leaves and stems. Pandas have special bones in their wrists so they can grab the bamboo and eat it. Pandas need at least two types of bamboo to eat. Because of this, pandas are becoming even more scarce. Pandas are good climbers and can climb up to 13,000 feet. They are also good swimmers.

If you would like to learn more:

Here is a video about pandas:



Because we can't get enough of these cute creatures:

